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LETTER DATED 3 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the continued violations of the cease-fire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 25 April and 19 May 1995, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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Annex

Iranian violations of the cease-fire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 25 April-19 May 1995

1. 25 April 1995

At 1600 hours an Iranian patrol boat carrying four civilians armed with a Kalashnikov assault rifle and two pistols approached the Iraqi side in the area opposite the Karun river.

2. 25 April 1995

The Iranian side laid the foundation of small building at coordinates 923748 (Kharnubiyah) inside the area of separation.

3. 25 April 1995

The Iranian side dug a trench 4 metres long and 1.5 metres deep at coordinates 910811 (Kut al-Sawadi).

4. 26 April 1995

At 0400 hours three Iranian military pick-up vehicles carrying PKC weapons and a number of Iranian soldiers were observed on the Iranian shore of the Shatt al-Arab near Muhammarah port. At 0500 hours the vehicles withdrew to the town of Muhammarah.

5. 2 May 1995

At 0600 hours a six-man Iranian patrol on board an Iranian vessel, dressed in civilian clothes and carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles, abducted two Iraqi fishermen, Raysan Sukkar and Jawad Sukkar, who were fishing in Iraqi territorial waters in the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 3934 in the Ma'amir area.

6. 5 May 1995

The erection of a white tower was observed at the headquarters of the Iranian detachment at coordinates 951279 opposite the Iraqi Shush guard post. It was occupied by a soldier on watch inside the area of separation.

7. 7 May 1995

At 0800 hours eight individuals from the Iranian side were observed repairing the Iranian guard post at coordinates 8409 in front of the Jallat guard post inside the area of separation.

8. 13 May 1995

At 1030 hours armed Iranian vessels seized the Russian tugboat Dunay on its arrival at buoy 12 for the purpose of towing the foreign vessel Kotamas in the Shatt al-Arab. At 0730 hours on 15 May the tugboat was released.

9. 14 May 1995

At 1130 hours armed Iranian vessels seized the Panamanian tugboat Atlantic Rescuer, which was towing the Panamanian vessel Pearl City, on its arrival at buoy 12.

10. 17 May 1995

At 0600 hours an Iranian patrol consisting of white and red vessels with two civilians on board each vessel left coordinates 43697 on a southerly course in the Shatt al-Arab. At 1635 hours the patrol returned to its point of departure.

11. 17 May 1995

At 0700 hours an engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a Poclain and three dump trucks was observed digging on the Iranian shore of the Shatt al-Arab in the Muhammarah area at coordinates 35707.

12. 18 May 1995

At 1700 hours six individuals from the Iranian side were observed setting up a single-phase machine-gun on a shelter at coordinates 51450 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

13. 19 May 1995

At 1400 hours the Iranian side used blocks to construct a small guard post one metre long and two metres high, at coordinates 923749 (Kharnubiyah).